Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is concerned with the quality of life among our elders and more than 6,800 elders in South Dakota regard a long-term care facility as their home; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Culture Change Coalition, a network of stakeholders, is seeking to transform the culture of nursing homes by creating holistic, person-centered home environments; and,

Whereas, The Person Centered Care Journey – a way back home, will be launched in January 2006, and will involve 30 nursing homes from across the state, working together to test system changes focused on creating a culture of person-centered care; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Culture Change Coalition will work to spread the lessons learned and transformations achieved by the first 30 nursing homes throughout South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Culture Change Coalition envisions that South Dakota can lead the nation in implementing person-centered care for all elders living in nursing homes; and,

Whereas, A culture of person-centered care will assure that all elders are given the dignity, compassion, and respect they deserve:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim 2006 as

THE YEAR OF CULTURAL CHANGE IN SOUTH DAKOTA NURSING HOMES

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State